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SUBJ: CCD: 762ND PLENARY MEETING, AUGUST 16, 1977

1.SUMMARY: IN AUGUST 16 CCD PLENARY, MEXICAN REP GAVE
STATEMENT ON CCD STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES, REITERATING
PRIOR PROPOSALS TO CREATE A PERMANENT NEGOTIATING SUB-
COMMITTEE AND TO ABOLISH THE US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.
THERE WERE NO SPEAKERS IN THE SCHEDULED INFORMAL MEETING
ON A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) OF ARMS CONTROL
MEASURES, WHICH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED PLENARY. END SUMMARY

2. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES), REGRETTING THE SITUATION
BY WHICH THE DELS OF MEXICO AND THE OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES
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HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBSTANTIVE ARMS CONTROL
NEGOTIATIONS DURING 1977, SAID HE WOULD THUS LIMIT
HIMSELF TO A DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS. READING
EXCERPTS OF IDEAS PRESENTED BY EIGHTEEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
(ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE,
GREECE, IRELAND, ITALY, KUWAIT, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PAKISTAN,
PERU, ROMANIA, SYRIA, SRI LANKA, YUGOSLAVIA) AT THE TIME

OF THE MAY 1977 SECOND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), MEXICAN REP UNDERSCORED THE COMMON THEME OF THE NEED TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATING MACHINERY, INVOLVING ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATES (NWS). A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, HE NOTED, HAD COMMENTED ON THE NEED TO IMPROVE CCD'S STRUCTURE AND TO ABOLISH THE US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. GIVEN THE POVERTY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CCD THIS YEAR, THE MEXICAN REP SAID, LARGELY DUE TO DEFECTS IN ITS ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES, THE MEXICAN DEL IS CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE A REAL SERVICE TO THE COMMITTEE TO PRETEND TO IGNORE THE IMPATIENCE OF UN MEMBERS.

3. MEXICAN REP STATED THAT MEXICO HAS RECENTLY ORGANIZED ITS CCD DEL ON A PERMANENT BASIS, DOING SO IN THE BELIEF THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SSOD IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT A VERY DIFFERENT SITUATION THAN AT PRESENT.

4. MEXICAN REP REITERATED HIS MARCH 23 PROPOSAL FOR A PERMANENT NEGOTIATING SUBCOMMITTEE, INTRODUCED ON BEHALF OF TWELVE NONALIGNED DELEGATIONS (ARGENTINA, BURMA, BRAZIL, EGYPT, IRAN, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, PERU, SWEDEN, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAIRE). MEXICAN REP STATED THAT THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBJECTS ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE COMMITTEE; THAT ITS PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK WOULD BE DECIDED ON BY THE COMMITTEE; THAT IT WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHT OF CCD TO MAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER ARRANGEMENTS AS NECESSARY, OR WITH THE HOLDING OF PLENARY MEETINGS; THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECORDS COULD BE MAINTAINED HOWEVER IT WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE; THAT EACH CCD MEMBER WOULD BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF ITS REPRESENTATION IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. A MORE IMPORTANT CHANGE, MEXICAN REP STATED, WOULD BE TO REPLACE THE "STRANGE INSTITUTION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP" WITH SOMETHING MORE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE REPRESENTATIVE PRACTICES IN THE UN. MEXICAN REP DECLARED IT AXIOMATIC THAT AS LONG AS THE US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF CCD CONTINUES, FRANCE AND CHINA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE. REFERRING TO THE POSSIBILITIES HE HAD OUTLINED IN HIS STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 15, 1977, MEXICAN REP SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO CHOOSE ONE WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL FIVE NWS. HE BELIEVED THE BEST WOULD BE A MONTHLY ROTATION OF CCD CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG ALL NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATES (NNWS) MEMBERS OF THE CCD. THIS, THE MEXICAN REP SAID, WOULD PARALLEL THE PRACTICE IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, IN WHICH THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS (THE SAME AS THE FIVE NWS) DO NOT SHARE IN THE ROTATION OF THE PRESIDENCY.

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6. SINCE CCD TAKES DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS, MEXICAN REP
REMARKED, RENUNCIATION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP BY THE US
AND USSR WOULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE THE RIGHTS AND
ATTRIBUTES OF THEIR DELEGATIONS. INSTEAD, HE SAID, THE
MORAL STATUS OF THE US AND USSR DELS WOULD BE ENHANCED
VIS-A-VIS UN MEMBERS, AND THEY WOULD BE PARTLY FREED OF
TIME-CONSUMING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COORDINATING THE
COMMITTEE'S WORK, THEREBY BEING BETTER ABLE TO ACCELERATE
THE PROCESS OF REACHING AGREEMENTS ON COMMON APPROACHES.

7. THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE MEETING WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT
DISCUSSION, AND THE NEXT PLENARY MEETNG WAS SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18.

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8. THERE BEING NO DELEGATION WHICH WISHED TO TAKE THE FLOOR IN THE SCHEDULED INFORMAL MEETING ON A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) OF ARMS CONTROL MEASURES WHICH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED PLENARY, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HOLD ANOTHER INFORMAL SESSION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PLENARY MEETING ON AUGUST 18. NIGERIAN REP (FALASE) STATED THAT HIS DEL WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT AT THAT TIME.SORENSEN

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